Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method of processing an order in a<u>n</u> electronic-based trading system, the method comprises:

receiving an order to buy or sell a product, the order having a market participant identification; for the order,

checking the order in a computer to determine if a market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution for the order in the electronic-based trading system, where internalization execution corresponds to execution of an order if the market participant identification associated the order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the system that is at the best bid or best offer price in the system regardless of the priority of that quote in the system. and

satisfying the order according to whether or not the market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of internalization execution.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein if a market participant has not qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution, the method further comprises:

checking if a market participant identification associated with the ~~customer~~ order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the electronic-based trading system which is at the best bid or best offer price in the electronic-based trading system; and if there is a match,

matching-off the order against the quote of the matching market participant without regard to a priority of other quotes in the electronic-based trading system, against the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of a market for a product specified by the order.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the priority is price-time and the method further comprises:

matching-off the order without regard to a time priority of other quotes in the electronic-based trading system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

calling a cancel request to cancel a quote at the side of the market in which a matched off order will be executed.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

calling a cancel request prior to matching off the order to cancel a quote at the side of the market at which an matched off order will be executed.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein if a market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution, the method further comprises:

matching the order to a order of a market participant that has the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of a market for the product.

7. (Previously Presented) A networked computer system for providing an electronic-based market system comprises:

one or more networked computers to

receive orders and match orders against quotes posted in the system on a time priority basis;

check if a market participant identification associated with a received order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the system that is at the best bid or best offer price in the system; and

check if the market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of the internalization execution for the order in the market system where internalization execution corresponds to execution of an order where the market participant identification associated the order matches a

market participant identification representing a quote in the system that is at the best bid or best offer price in the system regardless of the priority of that quote in the system; and

match the order with quotes in the system according to whether the order is qualified for avoidance of the internalization execution.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein if a market participant has not qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution, the system:

checks if a market participant identification associated with the ~~customer~~ order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the system which is at the best bid or best offer price in the system; and if there is a match,

matches-off the order against the quote of the matching market participant without regard to a priority of other quotes in the system, against the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of a market for a product specified by the order.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the system calls a cancel request to cancel a quote at the side of the market in which a matched off order will be executed.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the system calls a cancel request prior to matching off the order to cancel a quote at the side of the market at which an matched off order will be executed.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7 wherein if a market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution, the system matches the order to a order of a market participant that has the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of the market.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program product residing on a computer readable medium for operating an electronic based trading system comprises instructions for causing a computer to:

receive a<u>n</u> ~~customer~~ order from a market participant's customer; and for the order,

check if a market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution in the electronic based trading system where internalization execution corresponds to execution of an order if the market participant identification associated the order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the system that is at the best bid or best offer price in the system regardless of the priority of that quote in the system;

match the order according to whether or not the market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of internalization execution.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 12 further comprises instructions to:

check if a market participant identification associated with the ~~customer~~ order matches a market participant identification representing a quote in the system which is at the best bid or best offer price in the system, if a market participant has not qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution; and if there is a match,

match-off the order against the quote of the matching market participant without regard to a priority of other quotes in the system, against the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of a market for a product specified by the order.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 12 further comprises instructions to:

match the order to a order of a market participant that has the one of the best bid or best offer that is at the opposite side of the market if a market participant has qualified the order for avoidance of an internalization execution.

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17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein matching the order occurs based on a priority specified by the order.

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18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the system matches the order based on a priority specified by the order.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the instructions cause the computer to match the order based on a priority specified by the order.